

The rule provides that the chair of the Committee on Appropriations may insert in the Congressional Record at any time during the remainder of the first session of the One Hundred Eleventh Congress such material as he may deem explanatory of the Senate amendments and the motions regarding H.R. 3326 and H.R. 2847.

The rule provides that on any legislative day of the second session of the One Hundred Eleventh Congress before January 12, 2010, the Speaker at any time may dispense with organizational or legislative business.

The rule provides that on any legislative day of the second session of the One Hundred Eleventh Congress before January 12, 2010, the Chair at any time may declare the House adjourned or declare the House adjourned pursuant to an applicable concurrent rule of adjournment.

The rule provides for pro forma sessions until the House adjourns sine die. Finally, the rule provides that on any legislative day of the first session of the One Hundred Eleventh Congress, the Speaker may at any time declare the House adjourned. Testimony was heard from Representative Dicks.

VA ACQUISITION DEFICIENCIES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Acquisition Deficiencies at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: Kay L. Daly, Director, Financial Management and Assurance; and Gregory D. Kutz, Managing Director, Forensic Audits and Special Investigations; and the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Maureen T. Regan, Counselor to the Inspector General, Office of Inspector General; and Glenn Haggstrom, Executive Director, Office of Acquisition, Logistics and Construction; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—HOT SPOTS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterterrorism met in executive session to receive a briefing on Hot Spots. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1470)

H.R. 4218, to amend titles II and XVI of the Social Security Act to prohibit retroactive payments to individuals during periods for which such individ-

uals are prisoners, fugitive felons, or probation or parole violators. Signed on December 15, 2009. (Public Law 111–115)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Douglas B. Wilson, of Arizona, to be Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, Malcolm Ross O'Neill, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology, Mary Sally Matiella, of Arizona, to be Assistant Secretary of the Army for Financial Management and Comptroller, Paul Luis Oostburg Sanz, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Navy, and Jackalyne Pfannenstiel, of California, to be Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Installations and Environment, all of the Department of Defense, and Donald L. Cook, of Washington, to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: business meeting to consider the nominations of Ben S. Bernanke, of New Jersey, to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Eric L. Hirschhorn, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Export Administration, Marisa Lago, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, and Steven L. Jacques, of Kansas, to be Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, 9:30 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider S. 1562, to provide for a study and report on research on the United States Arctic Ocean and for other purposes, S. 1609, to authorize a single fisheries cooperative for the Bering Sea Aleutian Islands longline catcher processor subsector, S. 2852, to establish, within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, an integrated and comprehensive ocean, coastal, Great Lakes, and atmospheric research, prediction, and environmental information program to support renewable energy, S. 2856, to allow the United States-Canada Transboundary Resource Sharing Understanding to be considered an international agreement for the purposes of section 304(e)(4) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, S. 2859, to reauthorize the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000, S. 583, to provide grants and loan guarantees for the development and construction of science parks to promote the clustering of innovation through high technology activities, H.R. 3819, to extend the commercial space transportation liability regime, an original bill entitled "Surface Transportation Board Reauthorization Act of 2009", and the nominations of Julie Simone Brill, of Vermont, and Edith

Ramirez, of California, both to be a Federal Trade Commissioner, David L. Strickland, of Georgia, to be Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, Nicole Yvette Lamb-Hale, of Michigan, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce, and Michael A. Khouri, of Kentucky, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner, and routine lists in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Corps and Coast Guard, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance, to hold hearings to examine carbon monoxide poisoning, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine S. 1470, to sustain the economic development and recreational use of National Forest System land and other public land in the State of Montana, to add certain land to the National Wilderness Preservation System, to release certain wilderness study areas, to designate new areas for recreation, S. 1719, to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of land to the town of Alta, Utah, S. 1787, to reauthorize the Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act, H.R. 762, to validate final patent number 27-2005-0081, and H.R. 934, to convey certain submerged lands to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in order to give that territory the same benefits in its submerged lands as Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa have in their submerged lands, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine prospects for our economic future and proposals to secure it, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight, to hold hearings to examine an overview of Afghanistan contracts, 2 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: business meeting to consider pending calendar business; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine the Cobell v. Salazar settlement agreement, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 714, to establish the National Criminal Justice Commission, S. 1624, to amend title 11 of the United States Code, to provide protection for medical debt homeowners, to restore bankruptcy protections for individuals experiencing economic distress as caregivers to ill, injured, or disabled family members, and to exempt from means testing debtors whose financial problems were caused by serious medical problems, S. 1765, to amend the Hate Crime Statistics Act to include crimes against the homeless, S. 678, to reauthorize and improve the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, S. 1554, to amend the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 to prevent later delinquency and im-

prove the health and well-being of maltreated infants and toddlers through the development of local Court Teams for Maltreated Infants and Toddlers and the creation of a National Court Teams Resource Center to assist such Court Teams, S. 1789, to restore fairness to Federal cocaine sentencing, S. 1376, to restore immunization and sibling age exemptions for children adopted by United States citizens under the Hague Convention on Intercountry Adoption to allow their admission to the United States, H.R. 1741, to require the Attorney General to make competitive grants to eligible State, tribal, and local governments to establish and maintain certain protection and witness assistance programs, and the nominations Barbara L. McQuade, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan, Christopher A. Crofts, to be United States Attorney for the District of Wyoming, Michael W. Cotter, to be United States Attorney for the District of Montana, Mark Anthony Martinez, to be United States Marshal for the District of Nebraska, and James L. Santelle, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, all of the Department of Justice, and O. Rogerie Thompson, of Rhode Island, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: business meeting to consider S. 2826, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the renewable production credit for wind and open-loop biomass facilities, and S. 2869, Small Business Job Creation and Access to Capital Act of 2009, Time to be announced, SR-485.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to consider certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health, hearing on Elections in Africa: Progress Made, Challenges Remaining, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, oversight hearing on Recent Inspector General Reports Concerning the FBI, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Domestic Policy, to continue hearings entitled "The U.S. Government as Dominant Shareholder: How Should the Taxpayers' Ownership Rights be Exercised?" 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to receive a briefing on Russia's Muslims, 2 p.m., 1539, Longworth Building.